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Ms. Renata Hesse
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Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am writing to you in regards to *U.S. vs. Microsoft*. I'd like to take a moment of your time to tell you why I am in favor of the settlement of this case.

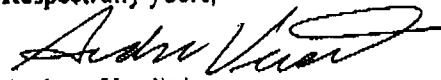
The national economic recession we are currently dealing with will not be helped with continuing litigation against Microsoft, as well as regulation of the high technology industry. Our economy needs the high-tech sector to be strong and prosperous in order to aid in economic recovery.

I firmly believe that there has been no harm done to consumers as a result of any actions taken by Microsoft. Being a sole proprietor, I can safely say that in my experience Microsoft's innovation has led to tremendous benefits for consumers, such as improved products with lower price tags.

I urge Judge Kollar Kotelly to be an advocate of business and economic recovery by supporting the settlement of this case.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,



Andrew Venditti
Owner
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